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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Applicants, in order to meet their duty of disclosure, set forth at 37 C.F.R. §1.56, submit herewith those additional references which they deem relevant to the claims of the present application.

The relevant references are as follows:

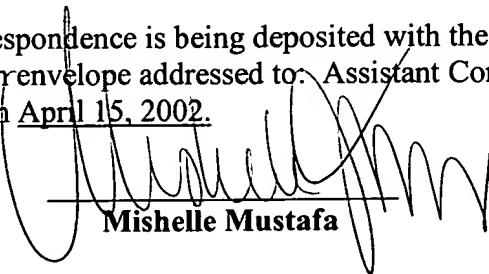
1. Derwent's abstract, Accession No. 2000-376948, week 0033, ABSTRACT OF

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2. STN International, Accession No. 1982:541125, document no. 97.141125,
Trusova, L.I. et al.: "Chromatographic determination of carbohydrates and ketonic
acids in culture media"; TR.-Vses. Gos. Nauchno-Kontrol'n. Inst. Vet. Prep., 29-
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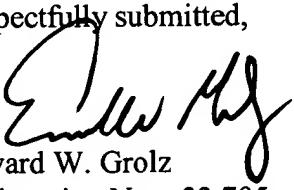
It is noted that English abstracts of both references are being submitted. In addition, also attached is a copy of an International Search Report citing the above-noted references and which has issued in connection with a corresponding PCT application. It is further noted that the first, second and fourth references cited in said Search Report was previously submitted in applicants first Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 28, 2001.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-mentioned references be made of record in the file of the present application. To that end, applicants submit herewith the aforementioned references and the completed Form PTO-1449, setting forth these references.

Applicants submit that the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no Declaration or fee is required to effect the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Consideration of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the information provided herein may be material to the patentability of the subject application as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Respectfully submitted,



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